being given out before a magistrate by the prohibition officer. So a person, if he wants to give any information about an offence committed by any other person under the Prohibition Act, should come before the prohibition officer and give out the information without giving his name. It is as good as an anonymous letter; or the Government may adopt a spy system to detect such cases. But all the same, Sir, this amendment seems to me to be rather strange. I have very great respect for the Hon. Minister who has introduced this amending Bill. Probably he feels that this is going to make very great difference in the apprehension of crimes. Perhaps it may be a precedent to many other things and many other evils which in our country, we, up to now, have the sense to avoid.''

* THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—'' Sir, as I have already explained before, this is a simple Bill. Already the police are exempted from giving out the names of informers and the revenue officers are also exempted from this. During the pre-prohibition days, the excise officers also were exempted from giving out the names of informers. But now, considering the factions in the village, no person dares come forward to co-operate with the Government in the detection of crimes under the Prohibition Act by giving timely information, even if he is willing to do so, because he is afraid that his name would be given out in which case the other party would wreak vengeance against him. Therefore, to get the co-operation of the people who are willing to help the officers, (12 noon.) we will have to protect them from people who endanger their lives and property. I know instances where haystacks have been burnt and property looted, because the persons concerned have laid information with the officers which led to the culprits being caught while they were illicitly distilling arrack. These informants have to be saved from the attacks of the distillers. Therefore, I have brought forward this amendment. We do not want to give the names of the informants, so that they may be saved from the high-handed action of the culprits. I do not know if this Bill can be compared to the Sarda Act, which the hon. Lady Member referred to. This is entirely a different matter. Therefore, I move that the Bill be passed into law.''

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—'' The motion is—

'that the Madras Prohibition (Second Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 41 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be passed into law'.''

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(4) THE MADRAS PROHIBITION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1949
(L.A. BILL NO. 42 OF 1949).

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—'' Sir, I move—

'*that the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill*, 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 42 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.*'

'' The purpose of this Bill is to allow the Armed Forces to have their drinks through their military contractors, and that separate

permits need not be issued to each one of them. This Act allows the supply of liquors to the staff, doctors and other staff of the Army."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The motion is—

' that the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once '."

* SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, this Bill is consequential to a Bill passed during the last session to which some of us took strong objection. I do not want to repeat the objection except to say that those objections still stand. I may only warn the Government that the Prohibition bastion is being attacked and is slowly giving way. Beware of the consequences."

* JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Sir, it was stated on the last occasion that we did not oppose the Prohibition Amendment Bill. Therefore, it is necessary on our part on this side of the House now to record our emphatic protest against the indirect help given to drink. As my friend Mr. Suryanarayana Rao said, we do not want to repeat the arguments which were advanced on this side of the House on the last occasion. (Interruption by Sri S. B. Adityan.) Whether the Hon. Minister was here or not, it is a joint responsibility, and he would have read the remarks made by the Members on this side of the House.

" Sir, I would bring to your kind notice one point in this connexion. I think—I speak subject to correction—a convention was established in this House that when amendments were made to Acts, the amended Section also would be circulated along with the Bill. I notice that that has not been adhered to in respect of this Bill. I would request you to insist on the Government that hereafter at least the Sections that are to be amended are also printed along with the amendment so that we may know what is going to be amended."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The amended section has already been circulated to hon. Members."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Sir, I now see that the amended section has been circulated. So, I withdraw all that I said in that connexion. I however oppose this motion."

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" Sir, my work is made much easier as Mr. Farookhi has withdrawn all that he said. Mr. Suryanarayana Rao said that Prohibition was being attacked, and that it was slowly giving way. We will not give way. I may assure hon. Members that we will continue to work Prohibition efficiently. I request this Hon. House to support this Bill."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The motion is—

' that the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once '."

The motion was carried.

Clauses 2, 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

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THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" Sir, I move—

' *that the Bill be passed into law* '."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The motion is—

' that the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be passed into law '."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(5) THE MADRAS TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA (REGULATION OF BUILDINGS) AMENDMENT BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 43 OF 1949).

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, I move—

' *that the Madras Tuberculosis Sanatoria (Regulation of Buildings) Amendment Bill,* 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 43 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.*'

" Sir, this Bill is to correct the habit that is rather common in local bodies—I am sorry to say this—with regard to building regulations. A person who wants to construct a building applies for sanction, and it takes months to get the sanction. But it is taken for granted that he need not wait for the sanction of the building. He builds it. As a matter of fact, when the building is completed, it is recognized and no further action is taken to see whether the building regulations have been observed or not. Such a thing is happening now with regard to buildings in sanatorium areas. The sanatorium area is something very different from an ordinary municipal area. Sanatorium areas have got to be very carefully protected. They have to be hygienically shielded from infection getting into that area. To preserve these places of health, they have to be looked after by the Public Health authorities. After the sanction is obtained; any amount of buildings which could not come into that area, are constructed, e.g., small factories and workshops. This is not at all good to the sanatorium area. This will affect the health of the people in that sanatorium. All undesirable buildings round about the sanatorium should not be put up. It is in that view we state that specific permission must be given by a licence, and the nature of the work will have to be described and sanction obtained for the construction of that building. Failure to observe the conditions in the sanction will be an infringement of the provisions of this Bill. We have, for safety's sake, provided a penal clause for imposing a fine of Rs. 500 on those who violate the conditions of the sanction. The fine will have to be continued for such time as the infringement lasts. It is more on account of protection of health to prevent people from disobeying the law, especially in a sanatorium area, that this Bill is brought forward. That is all that is meant by this Amending Bill, and I hope the House will consider and pass it without much discussion."